

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1865.

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Mr. STEVENS proposed to add to the end of the bill the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS.

Add at the end of the bill the following :

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That whoever buys
2 or sells gold bullion or coin for a price above the mint value,
3 whether to be paid for in legal tender notes or in the notes
4 of any bank, or individual, or in any other commodity, shall
5 be deemed a bullion broker: *Provided*, That this section
6 shall not apply to persons purchasing gold or coin solely for
7 the purpose of paying duties on imports, or for exportation,
8 and who shall actually apply the same to one of those pur-
9 poses without a resale.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That every bullion
2 broker shall take out a license and pay one thousand dollars
3 therefor, whether he operates at the brokers' board or else-
4 where. Whoever deals in gold or coin, as above stated,
5 without first having obtained such license, shall be deemed
6 guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall, besides, forfeit and pay

7 the sum of two thousand dollars, to be recovered in a qui
 8 tam action, the one half to go to the prosecutor and the other
 9 half to the United States. Whoever shall buy or sell gold
 10 or coin, or bargain to buy or sell the same at or for any price
 11 above the mint value, whether such purchase or bargain be
 12 exempted or not, each of the said parties shall pay a duty or
 13 tax of ten per centum on the full amount or value of said
 14 purchase, sale, or bargain; and if the said bargain, purchase,
 15 or sale should be sold, assigned, or transferred to others, such
 16 assignor and assignees shall pay ten per centum on the full
 17 amount of said transaction.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That every such
 2 sale, or bargain to sell, shall be deemed to be above the mint
 3 value if more than one dollar in legal tender notes or in the
 4 notes of any bank, company, or individual, shall be exacted,
 5 taken, paid, or received at less than one dollar in gold or coin,

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That every bul-
 2 lion broker shall make out and return to the assessor of his
 3 district a full and true statement of all his transactions in gold
 4 or coin within twenty-four hours after such transactions shall
 5 have taken place; in default whereof he shall be deemed
 6 guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall forfeit and pay the sum
 7 of five hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered as
 8 provided for in the second section of this act, unless he shall
 9 have been unavoidably prevented from making such return.